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substantially removing oxygen from said pocket and introducing one or more gases into said pocket to create a modified atmosphere therein;

supplying an oxygen scavenger positioned external to said first package to absorb residual oxygen within said pocket;

activating said oxygen scavenger with an oxygen scavenger accelerator; and sealing said second package.

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#### REMARKS

Claims 16 and 25 have been amended and new claims 31 and 32 has been added by this Second Preliminary Amendment.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 01-2508 (Order No. PCOA673--1) for any omitted fees, except for the issue fee.

Respectfully submitted,

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